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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2853

Application No.: 10/023,803

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For: PRINTER WITH PHOTO STAND AND PHOTO STAND DETACHABLY
ATTACHABLE TO PRINTER

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the February 3, 2004 Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. Claims 1-22 are pending in this application.

I. Allowed/Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 21 and 22, as well as the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4-7, 10 and 16-18. Applicants submit that the objected to claims are allowable for at least the reasons discussed below.

II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-3, 8, 9, 11-15, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,557,992 to Dwyer et al. (Dwyer). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that Dwyer is not available as prior art because Applicants claimed priority from JP 2001-228852 filed on July 30, 2001, which date is prior to the October 26, 2001 filing date of Dwyer. A claim for priority under JP 2001/228852 was